

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The present application contains claims 1-25. Claims 1, 2 and 5-9 have been amended. Claims 10-25 have been withdrawn as directed to a non-elected invention.

It is noted that: the drawings have been accepted; the claim for priority has been acknowledged; and all of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

It is noted that the present action is non-final and a three month response period has been set. It is submitted that this amendment has been timely filed, together with a Request for a Two-Month Extension of Time and the Requisite Fee.

The requirement for a new title is noted. A new title is set forth in the amendatory portion of the amendment.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. §101

The rejection of claims 6-8 under 35 U.S.C. §101 is respectfully traversed. Claims 6-8 have been amended and it is submitted that claims 6-8 now recite statutory subject matter and that this rejection should be withdrawn.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 1-8 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as anticipated by Microsoft Windows XP professional version 5.1 (XP). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Regarding amended claim 1, the “first classification section” finds support in classification check boxes 3-0 and the “second classification section” finds support in check mark tool box 39. The amendments to claim 5 find support in Fig. 10 and paragraphs [0138] through [0143] of the specification. The amendments to claim 6

find support in Figs. 11 and 12 and paragraphs [0144] through [0154] of the specification. Claim 7 is a method claim corresponding to apparatus claim 1. Claim 8 is a method claim corresponding to claim 5. Claim 9 is a method claim corresponding to claim 6.

The presently amended features set forth above clarify the distinctions from the cited document.

The Microsoft document does not describe the following features of the present invention:

"a first category designation section provided to each of the one or more images displayed through the first display section"; and

"a classification section configured to categorize each of the one or more images displayed through the first display section into one or more categories designated by the first category designation section."

In the present invention, one or more images are displayed from among a plurality of images, and each of the one or more displayed images is designated and classified to one of a plurality of categories by means of the first category designation section provided to each of the one or more images. This leads to good operatability allowing for quick classification, and patentably distinguishes over Microsoft Windows XP professional version 5.1 (XP).

Claims 2-6 depend from claim 1 and therefore are patentable.

Claims 7-9 are method claims corresponding to device claims 1, 5 and 6, respectively, and thus are patentable for the same reasons as set forth with regard to claims 1, 5 and 6.

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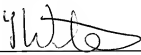
Conclusion

If the Examiner believes that any additional minor formal matters need to be addressed in order to place this application in condition for allowance, or that a telephone interview will help to materially advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone at the Examiner's convenience.

In view of the foregoing amendment and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that the present application, including claims 1-9, is in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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